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FOR SCHMIDT FROM AMBASSADOR EAGLEBURGER

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1. WITH REGARD TO US/YUGOSLAV ECONOMIC COUNCIL MEETING IN WASHINGTON DECEMBER 7 (PARA 5 REFTEL), IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT LEURS AND EVANS WILL DIVIDE 30 MINUTES ON THE PROGRAM. IT WOULD SEEM APPROPRIATE FOR LEURS TO PRESENT AN OVERVIEW OF US/YUGOSLAV BILATERAL RELATIONS, THE GENERAL IMPROVEMENT IN BOTH SUBSTANCE AND ATMOSPHERE, AND THE POLITICAL SETTING. EVANS WOULD THEN PICK UP ON THE ECONOMIC SCENE, INDICATING FACTORS THAT BEAR ON DOING BUSINESS WITH YUGOSLAVIA AT THIS TIME. HE WOULD ALSO DESCRIBE EMBASSY'S NEW PROGRAM OF REGULARIZED ECONOMIC VISITS TO ALL REPUBLICS AND PROVINCES TO DISCUSS INCREASED TRADE RELATIONS, AS WELL AS OUR PLAN TO SOLICIT DIRECT BUSINESS PARTICIPATION IN 1978 ZAGREB FALL FAIR.

2. WE NOW UNDERSTAND THAT IT "95 PERCENT CERTAIN" THAT FEDERAL FOREIGN TRADE SECRETARY LUDVIGER WILL LEAD
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YUGOSLAV DELEGATION TO USYEC MEETING. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT SECRETARY KREPS WILL NOT GO ON TO MOSCOW AFTER POLISH COMMISSION MEETING, BUT WILL RETURN DIRECTLY TO THE U.S. IF SHE IS IN WASHINGTON DECEMBER 9, THEREFORE, I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE FOR HER TO ADDRESS USYEC MEETING. IF THIS NOT POSSIBLE, A MEETING WITH HERE SHOULD BE ARRANGED FOR LUDVIGER, AS HE HAS EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT AT

NOT MEETING HERE DURING KARDELJ VISIT. LUDVIGER HAS ALSO
MENTIONED YUGOSLAV CONCERN OVER GSP STATUS, AND I STRONGLY
RECOMMEND THAT WE SEEK AN APPOINTMENT FOR HIM WITH STR STRAUSS
AS WELL.
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